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Serial No.: 09/553,223

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Title: **A COMBINED RAPID
SUSCEPTIBILITY ASSAY
AND MICROORGANISM
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM**

EXAMINER: P. WEBER

Group Art Unit: 1651

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003, Applicant
responds as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003, Applicants responds as follows.

This is a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.114. Claims 43-60 originally were presented for examination and claims 53-59 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 43-53 and 60 are pending in the present application. All pending claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for lack of enablement. Additionally, claim 51 has been objected to for an informal misspelling. No claims are allowed. This Action is not final.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

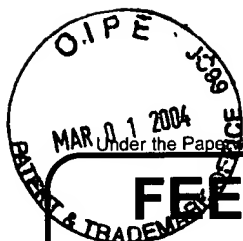
Please amend Claims 43, 51, and 60 to read as follows:

1-42. (cancelled)

43. (currently Amended) A method for the rapid determination of a microorganism's identity and susceptibility to an antimicrobial agent comprising:
preparing a sample to be tested;

inoculating a hybrid panel having a plurality of wells with said sample, wherein said hybrid panel comprises a modified clear plastic microtiter plate having wells, said wells having clear bottoms and clear side walls for rapidly determining said microorganism's identity using fluorescence in parallel with wells for rapidly determining said microorganism's susceptibility to at least one antimicrobial agent;

placing said inoculated hybrid panel into a device that maintains said inoculated hybrid panels at a predetermined temperature for a predetermined time;



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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
Total Claims		-20** =		X		
Independent Claims		-3** =		X		
Multiple Dependent						

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
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1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
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